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The Appeal Brief filed on 24 July 2006 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37.


To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file an amended brief or other appropriate correction (see MPEP 1205.03) within **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer.

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1. ☐ The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. ☐ The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, (e.g., rejected, allowed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled), or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iii)).
3. ☐ At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iv)).
4. ☒ (a) The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters; and/or (b) the brief fails to: (1) identify, for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately, every means plus function and step plus function under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, and/or (2) set forth the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v)).
5. ☐ The brief does not contain a concise statement of each ground of rejection presented for review (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vi)).
6. ☐ The brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each ground of rejection on appeal (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vii)).
7. ☐ The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(viii)).
8. ☐ The brief does not contain copies of the evidence submitted under 37 CFR 1.130, 1.131, or 1.132 or of any other evidence entered by the examiner **and relied upon by appellant in the appeal**, along with a statement setting forth where in the record that evidence was entered by the examiner, as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(ix)).
9. ☐ The brief does not contain copies of the decisions rendered by a court or the Board in the proceeding identified in the Related Appeals and Interferences section of the brief as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(x)).
10. ☒ Other (including any explanation in support of the above items):

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With respect to the above item (4), the brief contains several structures, material or acts which do not correspond to each claimed means plus function as permitted 35 U.S.C 112 sixth paragraph in each of the independent claim, for example the following statements under Summary of Claimed Subject Matter are considered do not correspond to claimed means functions:

- (1) "(such as presence, size, location, type)" in page 3, line 2 of the brief.
- (2) "transmits ultrasonic energy ...(an occupant location within a vehicle)" in page 3, lines 11-13 of the brief.
- (3) "ultrasonic transducers... ultrasonic wave modified by the presence of an object in the front passenger seat" in page 3, lines 13-14 of the brief.
- (4) "alternatively,.... a rear-facing child seat" in page 3, lines 15-19 of the brief.
- (5) "the reflected ultrasonic waves" in page 3, line 20 of the brief.
- (6) "in addition to the structure....the appearance of an occupant authorized to operate the vehicle" in page 3, lines 21-24 and page 4, lines 1-6 of the brief.
- (7) "can be achieved byand properties of the occupant when present." in page 4, lines 13-15 of the brief.
- (8) "e.g., occupant position, based on the reflected waves or received radiation" in page 4, line 16 of the brief.
- (9) "ultrasonic energy... (an occupant location within a vehicle)" in page 4, lines 23-24 of the brief.
- (10) "ultrasonic transducer an occupant authorized to operate the vehicle" in page 5, lines 1-20 of the brief.
- (11) "e.g., occupant position... received radiation." in page 6, lines 1-2 of the brief